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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Regarding Docket Numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197

Dear Sir/Madame:

I hope you will consider the following:

I believe that forced molting of laying hens or any hen is horrible, not only for the hen, but for our health. The Food and Drug Administration knows by now that this practice promotes disease by destroying the birds' immune systems and causing infectious diseases.

The FDA should and can do more than place warning labels on cartons and regulating refrigerator temperatures. This request is in the FDA's jurisdiction and I hope you will ban these farm practices that ultimately injure human health.

I believe the FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. Hopefully the FDA will do the right thing and immediately grant this petition.

Thank you for your time. Please keep me informed if possible.

Sincerely,

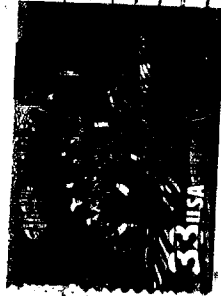


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